AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of delivering an electronic license and unlocking electronic files for the purpose of using software stored under the control of a user, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting from [[a]] said user a request for a [[key]] code to unlock specific ones of said stored electronic files ~~code~~;

processing accepted ones of said requests; said processing including obtaining an electronic delivery address for said user and verifying the availability to said user of said requested ~~key~~ code; and

electronically delivering to said electronic delivery address ~~requesting user~~ the address of at least one network access destination, such that said requesting user can electronically access said network access destination to obtain ~~from said destination a~~ said code for unlocking said specific electronic file.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said accepting step can be accomplished by several different parties.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said processing step can be accomplished by several different parties.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~delivered~~ code is also unique to a particular user and wherein said network access destination is a specific URL, said URL delivered to said user by said electronically delivering step.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~delivered~~ code is unique to one or more particular machines on which said electronic files may reside.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~delivered~~ code is unique to a particular storage medium.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~delivered~~ code is unique to a particular storage location.

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